GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5395
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2000
OFFICE OF COFFEE BOARD IN TAMIL NADU
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of coffee grown in large number at Kolli Hills in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to set up an office of Coffee Board at Kolli Hills;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The coffee is cultivated in over 400 ha. of area in Kolli Hills of Tamil Nadu by 350 coffee growers predominantly small growers.

(b) to (d) As the area under coffee in Kolli Hills is less than 500 ha. and the needs of the coffee growers in Kolli Hills are taken care of by the Coffee Board`s offices situated at Yercaud and Coimbatore, opening of another office of the Board in Kolli Hills is not considered necessary.